

**House File 2159 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a teacher license reciprocity task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS — TEACHER  
2 LICENSE RECIPROCITY TASK FORCE.

3     1. The board of educational examiners shall convene a  
4 teacher license reciprocity task force. The task force shall  
5 do all of the following:

6     a. Review the current requirements that apply to  
7 out-of-state teachers who would like to become licensed by the  
8 board of educational examiners to teach in Iowa.

9     b. Conduct a study of practitioner preparation programs  
10 in neighboring states to determine how those practitioner  
11 preparation programs compare to practitioner preparation  
12 programs approved by the state board of education under section  
13 256.7, subsection 3, and what adjustments may need to be made  
14 to the board of educational examiner's license requirements for  
15 out-of-state teachers to account for differences between the  
16 practitioner preparation programs.

17     c. Conduct a study of how to improve the process of allowing  
18 out-of-state teachers to teach in Iowa.

19     2. The board of educational examiners shall appoint the  
20 members of the task force. The task force shall be comprised  
21 of teachers, administrators of school districts, and any other  
22 members appointed by the board of educational examiners.

23     3. The board of educational examiners shall provide staff  
24 assistance and administrative support to the task force.

25     4. The task force shall submit its findings and  
26 recommendations in a report to the general assembly by December  
27 31, 2022.

28                                   EXPLANATION

29                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
30                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31     This bill establishes a teacher license reciprocity task  
32 force.

33     The bill requires the board of educational examiners (BOEE)  
34 to convene the teacher license reciprocity task force. The  
35 bill requires the task force to review the requirements that

1 apply to out-of-state teachers who would like to be licensed  
2 to teach in Iowa, conduct a study of practitioner preparation  
3 programs in neighboring states to determine how those  
4 practitioner preparation programs compare to such programs  
5 offered in the state, and conduct a study of how to improve the  
6 process of allowing out-of-state teachers to teach in Iowa.

7     The bill requires the BOEE to appoint the members of the task  
8 force, which are to include teachers, administrators of school  
9 districts, and any other members appointed by the BOEE.

10     The bill requires the BOEE to provide staff assistance and  
11 administrative support to the task force, and requires the BOEE  
12 to submit its findings and recommendations in a report to the  
13 general assembly by December 31, 2022.